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The true Christians Test and Protest, against that which hath been set up by that Spirit which is erred from Christ and his Apostles, which the Martyrs and true Christians have testified against, in the Pope or Popes, and their Tribe.

First. I Do not believe that the Pope or Popes of *Rome* have been Christ's Vicegerents and Vicars upon Earth; but they have been the Devil's Vicegerents. The reason is, Because they who have destroyed Men and Womens lives, because they would not Conform to their vain Religions, Worships, and Church Rudiments and Doctrines, who could neither touch them, nor taste them: And therefore they have Burn'd, Hang'd and Imprison'd them to Death. And this Power they have had from the Devil, and not from Christ, who saith, *He came not to destroy mens Lives, but to save them.* And likewise Christ rebuked his Disciples, who would have had mens lives destroyed that would not receive him, and told them, They did not know what Spirit they were of, and therefore the Pope, or Popes, and all their Tribe, do not know what Spirit they are of, who have destroyed mens lives, because they would not receive them, and their erroneous Doctrines. And therefore I do not believe they are of Christ nor God, nor in the infallible Spirit of Christ that the Apostles were in.

2dly. I do not believe that the Pope or Popes of *Rome*, nor any of their Tribe, can forgive Sin, but that he and they are of the Man of Sin, who hath exalted himself in the Temple of God, above all that is called God, and would be worshipped: and so instead of forgiving sin, leads people into sin, from Christ, who died for Sinners, and is risen for Justification.

3dly. I do not believe that the Pope is Head of Christ's Church upon the Earth. But Christ who hath all Power in Heaven and Earth given to him, whether it be in things visible or invisible,

And this is both the Apostles and the Martyrs Doctrine, according to the holy Scriptures; and so they that do say that the Pope is the head of the Universal Church in the World, are erred from the Apostles Doctrine in the holy Scriptures, and their infallible Spirit: Who said, *Christ is the Head of the Church*, as many places of the Scripture do prove.

4. I do not believe, after the Pope, or his Priests, or Jesuites, or any of his Tribe, have Consecrated (as they call it) Bread and Wine, which they call their Sacrament of the Altar, or Host, or Eucharist, or Transubstantiation, or any other Title whatsoever, that there is in the Consecrated Bread and Wine, as before, any more of Christs Body, Flesh, Bloud or Divinity, than there was before they were thus Consecrated by them; that is to say, but meer Bread and Wine, as it was before their Consecration. And whosoever receives it, after they have Consecrated it, they do not receive Christ, for it is not Christ, but meer Bread and Wine which they receive: For Christ did never command the Apostles to Consecrate Bread and Wine, and say to them after it was Consecrated, it was Christ, and who receiv'd it, receiv'd the whole Christ, and gave it the name of *Sacrament of the Altar*, and *Eucharist*, and *Host*, and that people should carry it on their Shoulders, and ring a Bell before it, to give notice to all people, that they may bow down to it, Christ nor his Apostles never instituted these Idolatrous Practices: Neither can it be made out by the holy Scriptures. But every tongue shall confess to him. *And in the Name* (as it is in *Greek*) *of Jesus every knee shall bow*, that is in his power; and none can call Jesus Lord, but by the Holy Ghost. *Phil.* 2. 10. 1 *Cor.* 12. 3.

5. I do not believe that there is any *Purgatory*, which the Pope of *Rome* and all his Tribe say there is, who with his Doctrine of his *Purgatory*, terrifies the evil Consciences of his silly people, and he and his people make them believe that they pray them out of this *Purgatory* when they are dead.

I do not believe that he and his Tribe can pray them out of *Purgatory*? Neither do I believe, that there is any such place as a *Purgatory*. But I believe that the Pope and his Tribe do hold them, that they have taken Captive, and deceived, in telling them that there is a *Purgatory*, and that they can pray their Souls out of *Purgatory*, when they are dead; and that it is only to get his poor deluded and deceived Peoples Money

from them, neither, that there is any Scriptures, that speak of a Purgatory, or such a middle place.

The Reason is this;

Lazarus when he died went into Heaven, into *Abraham's* Bosom. *Dives* the rich man when he died went into Hell. And Christ said to the believing Thief on the Cross that was crucified, *This day shalt thou be with me in Paradise.* So all Believers in Christ, when they die, go to Christ in *Paradise*. Now this doth prove that the Pope and all his Tribe are unbelievers in Christ; For Christ said to the Believer on the Cross, that day he died on the Cross, he should be with him in Paradise; For as Christ saith, *He that believes in me, shall not perish, but have everlasting Life.* And the Pope and his Tribe, with their false Doctrine of *Purgatory*, have proved themselves unbelievers; and deny the Blood of Christ which cleanseth from all Sin, *1 Joh.* 1. And deny Christ the one Offering, who offered himself once for all, and by the one Offering of himself hath perfected forever those that are sanctified, *Rev.* 13. 14. *Rom.* 6. 9. 1 *Cor.* 4. 17. *Matth.* 8. 11, 12.

But do not the Pope and his Company believe that if they destroy Heretricks, then they shall go immediately to Heaven? But destroyers are of the Spirit of the Devil, not of the Spirit of Christ, who is a Saviour. And Christ and the Apostles did not say that any should Merit Heaven by destroying Heretricks.

Blessed are they that die in the Lord. So the blessed die in the Lord, and do not go to *Purgatory*, Rev. 13. 14.

If we have been Planted together in the likeness of his Death, we shall be also in the likeness of his Resurrection. Rom. 6. 5.

And if any man be in Christ, he is a new Creature, and old things are passed away, behold all things are become new, in Christ. 2 Cor. 5. 17.

Mat. 8. 11, 12 *Many shall come from the East and West, and sit down with* Abraham, Isaac *and* Jacob, *in the Kingdom of Heaven.*

6. And I cannot believe that the Pope and his Tribe are of the Catholick Faith, which the Apostles and the Primitive Church were in, which Christ Jesus is the Author and Finisher of. I say I do not believe that they are of that precious, holy and divine Faith, the mystery of which is held in a pure Conscience. The Reason is,

Faith is the Victory over Sin, and Evil, and the Devil, and resists him. And this Faith purifies the heart, and saves, and is the justifying Faith, and in this Faith I please God, and have access to God; and so victory over that which seperated me from

God, and displeased him. So the Pope and his Tribe, with their false Doctrine of *Purgatory*, which they had neither from Christ nor his Apostles, have erred (into a vain Faith, which works not by Love) from this divine, holy, precious Faith, which is justifying and saving, in which I have victory, and access to God, in which Faith I please him. And Jesus Christ is the Author and Finisher of this Faith, which is the Catholick, Universal Faith. And further, I do believe, that if all in Christendom that are called Christians, had kept in this Faith, which Christ is the Author and Finisher of, we should never have heard of this false Doctrine of Purgatory, nor the Cheat of praying for Souls out of Purgatory, for which there is no Scripture from Christ nor his Apostles. But the Apostle tells them, *That they were to Pray for them, understood to Pray one for another, and to pray for all men, yea for Kings and Princes, and them that were in Authority:* And this was while they were Alive upon the Earth, and not when they were Dead.

7. I do believe all the Carnal Weapons that the Pope and his Tribe hath Invented, together with their Gaoles, Racks and Tortures, and Inquisitions, and Fires, and Fagots, with which they have kept up their vain Religion, and forced men to their Religion; have been from the Spirit of *Cain* and Apostate Jews, and *Judas*, and *Pharaoh*, and *Nebuchadnezzar*, and the Beast, and Whore, and Heathen, and not from the Spirit of Christ in his Apostles: Who said, *Their Weapons were Spiritual, and not Carnal.* And Christ said, *He came not to destroy mens Lives, but to save them.* So from this Spirit of Christ in his Apostles, I believe they are degenerated, their Fruits do make it manifest, their Trees to be Thorns and Thistles, and not to be Fig Trees, and Vine Trees; and them not to be the Lambs and Doves of Christ, but to be the Wolves, Leopards and Bears, Devouring Creatures.

8. I do believe all their Praying by Beads, for the Dead, to *Mary*, and other Saints; and Praying before Images, and their Pictures, is all from the Spirit of Error, and not from the Spirit of Christ that was in the Apostles, who exhorted to pray in the Spirit. And I do believe that the best use the Pope and all his Tribe could make of all his Pictures, Images and Idols, were to bring them out, and set them in the Husbandmans Field, to Fright away the Birds and Crows that Devours his Corn: And I do not believe that the Birds and Crows would Worship them,

or Adore them, as the Popes Ignorant people do. For all Images, Idols, Molten and Graven Images, and Representations, are forbidden by Gods Law, either to make them to themselves, or Worship them. So being forbidden in the Old Covenant, they are much more in the New. And I do not believe that ever *Moses* and the Fathers, and the Prophets, nor Christ, nor his Apostles in the New Testament, did ever command people after they were Deceased, to set up the Images or Pictures of their Persons, and Adore them, and that they did command them to keep the days of their Births, or Deaths, and make Holydays of them. But that the Pope and his Tribe in this doing, is more like the practice of *Herod*, *Nimrod* and *Belus*, and other Heathens, than the Saints declared of in Scripture. For there is no command, either in the Old or New Testament for their practice.

9. And I do believe the Pope and all his Tribe, with all their Oaths and Swearing of People, and his Cursing with Bell, Book and Candle, are all from the Spirit of Error, and not from Christs Spirit that was in his Apostles, who saith, *Swear not at all*, Matth. 5. Jam. 5. And also Christ and his Apostles said, *Bless and Curse not.*

10. And I believe, The Pope and all his Tribe, with all their Processions, Indulgences and Reliques, which they call Holy, and Crucifixes, and Crosses, and all Fopperies, and Foolries, can do no good, neither to Quick nor Dead. And all these things the Pope and his Tribe have Invented by his Apostatized Spirit, out of the Infallible Spirit of Christ, which was in the Apostles, who said, *The Cross of Christ is the power of God*, and so it is called the Mystery of the Fellowship of the Cross. But a Wooden, Stone, Iron, Brass, Silver and Golden Cross is no Mystery, nor the Power of God.

11. And I do not believe that the Pope is Christs Vicar, or *Peters* Successor upon the Earth, but he and his Company is the Whore that Rides upon the Beast, who had power from the Dragon, and hath Drunk the Blood of the Prophets, and Martyrs, and Saints, since the Apostles days, and is Whored from the Infallible Spirit of Christ that was in the Apostles, and is for Judgment with the Infallible Spirit of Christ. Neither do I believe, that the Pope or his Tribe are Infallible, or guided by the Infallible Spirit of Christ; but by a Fallible Spirit, which has led into these Fallible Trumperies and things; as their outward

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Crosses, Images, Pictures, Idols, Representations, outward Candles, Lights, Lamps, to burn in the night and day time; Beads to Pray by, Reliques and Monasteries to vow Chastity, Friaries and Nunneries, their Indulgences and Pardons, which they Sell for Money, with the outward Water which they call Holy, with all their Carnal Weapons, and their Goals and Inquisitions, by which they Frighten their Silly people into these Fallible things with their Fallible Spirit, who are erred from the Infallible Spirit of Christ, which the Apostles were in.

12 I do not believe that the Pope and his Tribe are in the same Infallible Spirit and Power the Apostles were in, and *Moses* and the Prophets, who will not suffer their people to have the Scriptures to read them in their Native Language, but in another unknown Tongue: So he and his Tribe are Barbarians, and make the Scripture speak to them in another Language, that all the people do not know nor understand; and in this, he is not in the same Holy Ghost the Apostles were in: For the Jews were to read the Law in their own Language, and Teach it to their Children, and Christ and his Apostles spoke to the Jews in their own Language: And there had not been Cloven Tongues, if every man had not been to have heard Christ and the Apostles, and the Gospel, and the Scriptures in their own Language: And the Apostles (when the Churches were setled) sent Epistles to them, and commanded that they should be read to them in their Assemblies, and forbad speaking in an unknown Tongue, unless an Interpreter were present to Interpret. And therefore I cannot believe that the Pope and his Tribe are in the Infallible Spirit of Christ, that the Apostles were in; who is so afraid, or fearful, that his ignorant people should come to the knowledge of the Scriptures, that he keeps the Scriptures from them in an unknown Tongue, out of their known Language: And in this he shews his Fallible Spirit, to be erred from the Infallible Spirit of Christ, that the Apostles were in. For if he should suffer his people to have the Scriptures Translated into their known Tongue, then they might by the Spirit of God be led into the Truth of them, and come to be as Wise, or Wiser than he. Then down would tumble all his Fallible Pomp, and Pride, and Keys, to the ground; which he is afraid of, if the people should have the Scriptures in their own Language.

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13. And I do believe, that which is up held by the Pope and his Tribe, called Auricular Confession, that is; by the Ear, to a Priest, and Indulgences, and Penance, and all their several Orders, to their Begging Friers; all these are Inventions by the Popes and their Tribes, by their Fallible Spirit, and not from the Infallible Spirit of Christ that his Apostles were in; who said, *He that would not Work, should not Eat:* And the Apostle was so far off from setting up an Order of Begging Friers, that he bad the Church mark them that would not work, and said, *That they were disorderly, and busie-bodies, and they that did not Work, should not Eat*, 2 Thess. 3. And this was the Apostles order with Gods Infallible Spirit, contrary to the Popes Fallible Spirit.

14. And I do not believe, that by the Pope and his Tribes Mass, cometh Pardon of Sin, or Deliverance from Hell, or is any Health for Man or Beast; But is a Cheat to all, and is an Invention from his own Fallible Spirit and Brain, which is erred from the Infallible Spirit of Christ, which was in the Apostles.

15. And I do believe, that in all these Holydays, that the Pope and his Tribe have Invented, together with their *Childermass*, *Christmass*, *Candlemass*, *Michaelmass* and *Lambmass*, Though they call them Holydays, God and Christ is Dishonoured and Blasphemed more, than in any other Working day in the Week besides. And the Apostle said to the *Galatians*, he feared he had bestowed his labour in vain upon them; and the reason was, because they observed Days, Times, Months and Years. And now see if the Apostles labour is not bestowed in vain upon the Pope and his Tribe, and on all them that are Popishly affected, that do observe his Days, Times, Months and Years; and be in a Fallible Spirit, by which they have set them up, and held them up, and out of the Infallible Spirit of Christ, that the Apostles were in.

16. I do not believe, That Christ did give order to his Apostles, nor the Apostles to others of the Ministers of Christ, that they should be called Lord Bishops, or Popes; and that they should wear White Coats, or Black Coats, Tippets or Hoods, or Square Caps, and Surplesses, or Lawn Sleeves, or Girdles, to distinguish them from other people, as the Pope, and his Tribe of Popishly affected people have ordained, with their Titles. For Christ saith, *The Gentiles exercise Lordship one over another, and are called Gracious Lords; but it shall not be so among you.* And *Peter*

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saith to the Elders, (to whom the Pope pretends to be Successor) *They were not to be Lords over Gods Heritage, but to be Examples to the Flock.* And where were any of the Apostles, or *Peter*, called Lords, or *Titus*, or *Timothy*, called Lords; or where was it said unto them, If it please your Grace my Lord Bishop, or that *Peter* did wear a Triple Crown, or was called Pope, or his Holines? Let us see how the Pope of *Rome*, or his Tribe do succed the Apostles and *Peter*, or *Titus* and *Timothy* in their vain Titles, Outward Crown and Garments: I do believe their Fallible Spirit hath led them into these Fallible Fopperies and Vanities, who are erred from the Infallible Spirit of Christ, that the true Church and the Apostles were in, in the Primitive times.

17. And I do believe, all the *Consecratings* (as they call them) of Steeple-houses, and Painting of them and Setting up Images in them, and setting up their Organs in them, to Play on them, to make them Merry, and their Christening their Bells, and their taking their Tenths from people, as a Wages to the Clergy, with his *Easter*-reckonings and *Peter*-pence: All these things the Pope and his Tribe have set up and invented with his Fallible Spirit, who have erred from the Infallible Spirit of Christ the Apostles were in. For Christ said to his Disciples, *Go without a Bag or Staff; for freely ye have Received, freely Give;* And the Apostle took God to witness, *He coveted no mans Silver nor Gold, and his own hands had Ministred to his Necessities*: And *Paul* made Tents, and *Peter* went a Fishing, after Christ was Risen; and had on his Fishers Coat too: And can the Pope with all his Tribe of Begging Friers say in Truth, they Covet no mans Silver nor Gold, and their Hands have Ministred to their Necessities, and they have not been Chargeable to any. And the Apostle said to *Timothy*, *That a Bishop must be unreprovable, and the Husband of one Wife.* But the *Pope* and his Bishops and Priests will have none, and put their Women into Nunneries for their Chastity; but their Fallible Spirit will hardly keep them Chaste there: For their Fallible Spirit, as History declares, have led the *Pope* and his Tribe into Debauchery. And again, the Apostle saye, *A Bishop must be no Striker, nor Covetous, nor Greedy of filthy Lucre, nor no Fighter*, 1 Tim. 3. And again, *Paul* tells *Titus A Bishop must not be Froward, nor soon Angry, no Striker, nor given to filthy Lucre.* And *Peter* saith, *They must not feed the flock*

Joh. 21. 7.

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of God for filthy Lucre. And now let the *Pope* with all his Tribes and Bishops, see if they can say in Truth, they succeed *Peter* and the Apostles, and are not given to filthy Lucre, and Fighters, and Strikers: Let all the Horrid Plots, and their Goals, and Inquisitions, and their Tortures, and their Fires and Faggots, and their Gallows, declare and speak, and all their Hallowed Swords, that the *Popes* have sent forth to make War with, manifest them to be Strikers and Fighters, and so he and his Tribe to be Succeeders of *Nebuchadnezzar* and his Forefathers the Heathen *Roman* Persecuting Emperors, with his Fallible Spirit, and their Fallible Carnal Weapons, and to be Fighters and Strikers; like them who are erred from that Lamb-like Infallible Spirit of Christ, that the Apostles were in, whose Weapons were Spiritual, and not Carnal. So it is clear, the *Pope* and his Tribe have not Succeeded Christ, nor the Apostles, nor *Peter*, in their Infallible Spirit, nor Spiritual Weapons.

18. I do believe that the *Pope* and his Tribe are they that the Spirit speaks expressly, *Should depart from the true Catholick Faith, and should give heed unto Spirits of Error, and Doctrines of Devils, speaking Lies in Hypocrisy, having their Consciences Seared with a hot Iron; forbiding to Marry, and abstain from Meats*; which God hath created to be received with Thanksgiving, of them that believe, and know the Truth. For every Creature of God is good, and nothing to be refused; for it is Sanctified by the word of God and Prayer. Doth not the *Pope* forbid his *Cardinals, Bishops* and *Priests* to Marry, and command to abstain from Meats at set Times: And doth not it clearly shew, that he and his Tribe have erred, and are in the Doctrine of Devils, and in the error from that Infallible and Catholick Faith that the Apostles were in; And yet the *Pope* will call himself a High Priest. And *Aaron* the High Priest had a Wife, and *Peter*; so it is clear, the *Pope* hath erred from the Old and New Testament, and the Spirit of Christ in *Peter*, who had a Wife, and did not put her away, after he was a Disciple of Christ. And therefore the *Pope* and his Company are no Successors of *Peter* in the Spirit of Christ, nor in his Chair, the Power of God; but succeed the Old *Romans*, whom God gave up to vile Affections. *For even the Women did change the Natural use into that which is against Nature: And likewise also the men, leaving the Natural use of the Women, burn in their own Lust.* Has not this been your practice, who forbid

Marriage, both the *Popes*, *Friers*, *Monks* and *Jesuits*, and *Nuns*, shew the work of your Fallible Spirit, who are erred from the Infallible Spirit of Christ in the Apostle, who said, *It was better to Marry than to burn.*

19. And I do not believe, that the *Pope* and his Tribe in their Christening Children with their Godfathers and Godmothers, with that which they call their Holy water, in their Holy Font, as they call it, with their Cream, Oyl and Salt, *&c.* Have any of these things from Christ or his Apostles, nor that the Children are the better for these Outward Elements, nor that the Elements are any Holier after the *Priest* hath Prayed over them, than they were before he prayed over them. I do not believe that the *Pope*, or his *Jesuits*, or *Priests*, can make any Creature any Holier, than it was before, by their Consecration, (as they call it) and Prayers, more than the Jews High Priest, and Pharisees that persecuted Christ. And as for Godfathers and Godmothers, and Crossing them, this is one with the rest of the *Popes* Inventions in this Fallible Spirit, who is erred from the Infallibility of Christ, which was in the Apostles, who said, *All availeth nothing, Circumcision, or Uncircumcision, but a new Creature.* And Christ said, *Except a man be born again, he cannot see the Kingdom of God, nor enter into it.*

20. I cannot believe, that the *Pope* and all his Tribe can make Ministers of Christ, with all his Schools and Colledges, or with all his Natural Languages or Tongues. For all the Earth was of one Language before *Babel.* And *Pilate* caused to be set *Hebrew*, *Greek* and *Latine* a top of Christ, when he Crucified him; So he and they that set it on him were as good Divines with their Tongues, as the *Pope.* They Crucified Christ without; and the *Pope* and his Tribe do Crucify Christ in his appearance within.

And I do not believe, that there is any more Holiness in the *Latine* Tongue, than in any other Natural Language. And I do not believe, there is any more Holiness in the *Pope*, nor his *Cardinals*, *Priests*, *Jesuits*, &c. Than there is in any Lay-man, as they call them. And I do believe that every such Lay-man in every place may Preach the Gospel of Christ Jesus, which have received their Gifts from Christ. For the Apostle saith, *As every one hath received the Gift, so let him Minister, as good Stewards of the manifold grace of God. For when Christ Ascended on High, he led*

led captivity captive, and gave gifts unto men; who ascended far above all Heavens, that he might fill all things. And by these Gifts he made some Apostles, some Evangelists, some Pastors and Teachers, &c. So these were not made at natural Schools and Colledges with natural Tongues and Languages, but by the Gift of Christ; as *Ephes.* 4. And was not *Abel* a Keeper of Sheep? *Noah* a Husbandman? *Abraham* a Grazier? *Isaac* and *Jacob* Keepers of Cattle, and *Moses* and *David* Shepherds? *Elisha* a Plowman? *Amos* a Herdsman? *Luke* a Physician? *Matthew* called from the Custom? *Peter* and *John* Fishermen? and *Paul* a Tent-maker? And do not the *Pope* and his Tribe think these were Lay-men? And yet were made Prophets and Teachers by the Gift of God and Christ, and not by Schools, and Colledges, and natural Languages.

21. And I do believe that no Cross, nor Image, nor Creature is to be worshipped, nor bowed unto, but God only: And I do believe that no Cross, nor Image, nor Creature is to be worshipped or bowed unto, but God only. And I do believe that no Oblations nor Prayers ought to be used at Funerals for the Dead; and that it is no more necessary to confess our Sins or Faults to a Priest, than 'tis to a Lay-man, as they call him. And that the Pope, Jesuits, nor Priests have no more power to forgive Sins, than any such Lay-man has. And I do believe that every good Christian is a Priest, though he be not made at Schools and Colledges, and have not natural Languages. For *Peter* in his general Epistle tells the Church, *That they were a chosen Generation, a holy Nation, a peculiar People, a spiritual Household and a holy royal Priesthood, to offer up spiritual Sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ.*

Now though there was a Tribe of *Priests* and *Levites* in the Old-Testament, yet *Peter* proves in the New-Testament, that the Nation of Christians was a royal Priesthood, though they dwelt here and there, and throughout *Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia* and *Bythinia*, &c. All these, though they are scattered up and down, in Countries, Kingdoms and Nations without distinction of Men and Women; He says they are a holy Nation, a spiritual Household, and a royal Priesthood, to offer up spiritual Sacrifices, acceptable to God, through Jesus Christ. So the Apostle *Peter* calls none of them Lay-men. Though I believe many of this Nation of Christians, were Husbandmen and

Tradesmen,

Tradesmen. But it is easily seen, that the Pope has erred from the Spirit of Christ in *Peter*, and with his fallible Spirit has made so many orders of Cardinals, Jesuits, Priests, and Monks and Friers; with which he compasseth Sea and Land, to make a Proselite, and when he is made, he is *two*-fold more the Child of Hell than before, as *Christ* saith. So it is clear, the *Pope* and his people are not the spiritual House, and holy Nation, not holy and royal Priesthood, that *Peter* speaks of; but they are the Synagogues of Satan, Synagogues of Enmity, against this holy and royal Priesthood of Christ, that be in the infallible Spirit that *Peter* was in.

22. It is said *Sabinianus* ordained ringing of Bells, and burning of Lamps in Churches: *Vitalianus the playing on the Organs*: And dedicating of Churches came in by *Felix* the 3d. and that Churches might be hallowed by a Bishop, 2 *vol. of Book of Martyrs, pag.* 140. So 'tis clear the Popes have not, in these things also, succeeded the Apostles and *Peter* in the infallible Spirit, but have invented them with their own fallible Spirit. And I do not believe that the Pope hath any power from God to Crown Emperors, or to set them up, or to throw them down and depose them, and absolve any Subjects or people from their Obedience to their Kings or Princes, though they deny the Pope and his Supremacy. And I believe that it is no more evil to disobey the *Pope* in all his commands, than to disobey any Lay-man, (as they call him) or ordinary man. And I believe whatever the *Pope, Cardinals, Priests, Jesuits* do vow, promise, affirm, protest and swear to them that be contrary minded to him and them, to induce them to receive their Religion, I must believe the contrary; because I know 'tis their principle not to speak nor perform the Truth to such as are contrary minded to them. And I know there is more fidelity to be put in an honest Lay-mans Word, than in the *Popes*, or any of his Tribes or Orders; as experience hath taught sufficiently.

23. And I do not believe that the Church of *Rome* is the Mother of Faith, or any *Salvation in her*; but is the Mother of Harlots and Abominations of the Earth, and the mystery *Babylon* or Confusion. And I do believe Christ is the Author and Finisher of the true Catholick Faith, and that there is not any Salvation given by any other name under the whole Heaven, than by the Name of Jesus. And I do believe that the *Pope* of

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Rome's Keys are no more holy, (so that he can open the Scriptures with them) than with the Keys of my Barn or Stable doors, who is erred from the Spirit of Christ that the Apostles were in, and so from the true Key.

24. And I do not believe that the *Pope* and his Tribe do succeed the Apostles in that Birth, and Seed, and Power, and Spirit, Light and Grace that they were in. For (as the Prophet saith,) *Who shall declare his Generation?* (viz.) *Christ*. None but they to whom the Arm of the Lord is revealed. And we do not believe that the *Pope* has the same Revelation; and therefore he cannot declare the Generation of Christ, who is not a destroying Generation, but a saving; But the *Pope* and his company hath manifested themselves to be of the Generation of evil-doers, and of destroyers and persecutors of the appearance of the Light, Spirit and Truth of Christ in his people, and of such as declare the Generation of Christ.

Now if the *Pope* of *Rome* and his Company, do say they are of Christ, *Peter* and the Apostles, and that they are Christians, I say (unto them) as Christ said unto the Jews, who said, *They were of* Abraham, *if they were of* Abraham, *they would do the works of* Abraham. But Christ said, *The Devil was their Father, and his works they would do.* So I say unto you; if you had been of Christ, or of the Apostles, or *Peter*, or of the true Christians, then you would have done the works of Christ and the Apostles, and true Christianity, and succeeded them in their works: But you being of the Devil, his works you have done, who was a Lyer and a Murtherer from the beginning, and the Devil is a Destroyer, and so you and your Church have been the Destroyers, having not shewed the mind of Christ, *Who came not to destroy mens Lives, but to save them*: And have not the Spiritual Weapons the Apostles were in, nor their Infallible Spirit: But with your erring Spirit, destroying Fallible Spirit, have manifested it by your Carnal weapons; and with them Persecuted them that succeeded the Apostles in the Infallible Spirit of true Christianity.

25. And I do believe, the *Pope* and all his Tribe are erred from the Pure and Undefiled Religion before God, which was set up in the Apostles days; which Pure, Undefiled Religion keeps from the Spots of the World; In which Religion the Widows, Fatherless and Strangers are Visited and Nourished. My reason

is this, that if the *Pope* of *Rome* and his Company had kept in this Pure Undefiled Religion, that would have kept them from the Spots of the World; Then they would never have Preached up the Ignorant and Erronious Doctrine of a Purgatory to Purge them when they are Dead. For what need people a Purgatory to Purge and Cleanse them, when they are Dead? If there be a Religion that will keep them from the Spots of the World; that Religion muft needs be above the World, with its Spots.

And I do believe, that the *Pope* of *Rome*, and all his Company are not in the Worfhip of God, in the Spirit, and in the Truth, as Chrift commanded. My reafon is this, do you not Bow to Croffes, Images, Pictures, Crucifixes, and to your Bread and Wine, which you call Chrift, and many other things that might be inftanced; together with your Altar, Croffes, Crucifixes, which you bow to; Are not all thefe things the Works of *your own hands*, which you bow unto, with your Fallible Spirit. And is not that Worfhip forbidden in the Old Teftament, and much more in the New: For in it the Angels are forbidden to be bowed unto or Worfhiped: Surely then much more the works of mens hands are forbidden. And this doth fhew that the *Pope* and his people are erred from the Infallible Spirit of God that was in the Prophets and Apoftles; And with his Fallible Spirit hath fet up his Images, Croffes, Pictures and Altars, and Crucifixes for his Earthly Fallible Spirited people to bow down unto and adore, together with his Chrift he hath made of Bread and Wine: and fo keeps them from the true Chrift, in whofe name they might have Salvation; and from his Worfhip that he fet up, in the Spirit and in the Truth, above 1600 years ago, when he put down that Worfhip at *Jerufalem* and the Mountain of *Samaria*.

And I fay that every Man and Woman muft come to the Spirit, which God hath poured upon them, and the Truth that comes by Jefus in their own hearts, and that by the Truth they may know the God of Truth, who is to be Worfhipped in Spirit and Truth, who is a Spirit. And this is the perfect Catholick Univerfal Worfhip, which will ftand, when all the Worfhips in the World are gone, both the Beafts, Dragons and Will-Worfhips, or Worfhiping of Creatures, or the Works of mens hands, or Worfhipping of Angels and Devils.

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The Worſhip that Chriſt ſet up in the Spirit and Truth, who bruiſes the Serpents Head, and deſtroyes the Devil and his works, his Worſhip is a ſtanding Worſhip in the Holy Spirit and Truth, which the Devil abode not in, and is out of: Into this Worſhip he and his Legions cannot come.

26. And the Scripture ſaith, *Not a Bone of the Outward Paſcal Lamb was to be broken in the Old Covenant*, which was a Figure of our Paſſover and Paſcal Lamb Chriſt Jeſus, of whom was not a Bone broken. Now after you have Conſecrated your Bread and Wine, which you ſay is the whole Chriſt; do not you divide it, and pluck it to pieces; that which you call the Body of Chriſt, and give it to your people, and eat it your ſelves? And can you divide the Body without breaking the Bones to pieces, or do ye eat the whole Chriſt, Bones and all, without Breaking or plucking aſunder: And is there any Bones in Bread, and can there be a whole Chriſt without Bones; what a Monſter is this by your Fallible Spirit you have made, and given to the Fallible Spirited people; ſuch a Monſter as was never heard of from the Infallible Spirit of Chriſt in his Apoſtles, but from your Fallible Spirit which is erred from the Infallible Spirit of Chriſt in the Apoſtles.

And now for the *Pope* and all his *Cardinals* and *Friers*, *Jeſuits*, *Prieſts* and *Monks*, and the reſt, who ſay, that after you have Conſecrated Bread and Wine, which you call your Sacrament and Altar, and Hoſte, that the Bread and Wine is changed into the Body and Blood of Chriſt by the *Prieſts* words, pronouncing it ſo, which you call *Tranſubſtantiation*: And then you ſay, its the ſame Body of Chriſt that was on the Croſs, and your Hoſte, and Sacrament, and Altar, as before; and that it is the very Fleſh of Chriſts Body and Bones, Divine and Immortal; and that whoſoever receives it, receives it ſo, and the whole Chriſt. And now this we ſay unto the *Pope*, and all the reſt before mentioned; let us have a Botle of Wine, divided into two Baſons; and a Loaf of Bread, and Cut it into two pieces: And let the *Pope* and his *Cardinals*, *Jeſuits*, *Prieſts*, and *Friers*, and *Monks*, Conſecrate which part of the Bread and Wine they will; and when they have Conſecrated it, let the Wine be ſet in two Baſons, and the two pieces of Bread; the Conſecrated and Unconſecrated Locked up in a Cellar within the Ground, with ſeven Locks of each ſide, and ſeven to Watch of each ſide day and

night; and if that the *Pope* and his *Cardinals*, *Jesuits*, *Priests*, *Friers* and *Monks*, their Consecrated Bread and Wine, which stands by the Unconsecrated, prove Immortal and Divine, and the very true Christ, whose Flesh saw no Corruption, as the Apostle saith; then we will all turn to him and them, and acknowledge we have been in an error for not receiving it.

But if their Consecrated Bread and Wine doth alter its property, and grow Dead, Sour, Mouldy and Corrupt, or if Mice and Rats eat it; then they shall turn all to us *Protestants*, and acknowledge themselves to have been in an Error, and how that they have Imprisoned Burned and Killed people, for not receiving that for Christ which was not the true Christ, but corruptible Bread and Wine, which they have Invented by their Fallible Spirit. And therefore let the *Pope* come out with all his *Cardinals*, *Jesuits*, *Priests*, *Monks*, *Friers*, and try their Christ they have made; and fear not for him, if he be Divine and Immortal, and his Flesh see no Corruption, and be not afraid of the tryal of him, and this will bring Truth to Light, and Honour to God; for much Blood hath been shed about your Sacrament of the Altar, that you call your Christ: And therefore let this way dead the Controversy about it, betwixt *Protestants* and you, and so let no more Blood be shed concerning it: And if that you will not come out, and try your Christ that you have made, then let the Pope and all his Cardinals, Jesuits, Priests, Monks and Friers confess that they are more base and cowardly than *Baal*'s Priests were, who tried their God before *Elijah*. And *If he be Christ, let him plead for himself*, as *Joash* said of *Baal*, Judg. 6. 31.

27. Taken out of a Popish Book; Entituled, *A Treatise of the difference betwixt the Temporal and Eternal*, by *Eusebius. Nieremberg* Printed, 1672.

The Papists say that they must adore the Sacrament with all Power and Force, *p.* 549. Here they adore the Works of their own hands, contrary to the Scriptures.

And again, the Papists say it is the same Word which the Virgin receiv'd into her holy Womb, which the Christians now receive into their Intrels in this divine Sacrament; and that it is he who is the Supreme Lord of Heaven and Earth, he whom the Angels adore, he who Created and Redeemed us, and is to Judge the Living and the Dead, *&c.* So here you may see the

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Pope and his Prieſts make a Lord, a Redeemer, a Word, a Saviour and a Judge of Bread and Wine, above himſelf; and to judge both himſelf and his Prieſts, both that are Living and Dead.

And he would have you to believe that the Angels Worſhip or Adore his Lord and Word, &c. That he hath made of Bread and Wine: And that it is the ſame Word which entred into the Virgins Womb. And this is from his dotiſh, ſottiſh fallible Spirit. For the Word *Chriſt, by whom all things were made and created*, was before Bread and Wine were, or the Pope or his Tribe either. And Chriſt, who is riſen, aſcended, and is at the right hand of God, is Judge both of quick and dead, and the Redeemer and Saviour, and not any Lord nor Word, Judge, &c that the Pope and his Prieſts can make of Bread and Wine, as he and his Prieſts vainly imagine and dream, to deceive his ignorant ſilly people withal,

And again the Prieſt ſaith, in p. 547. The Death and Paſſion of Chriſt upon Mount *Calvary*, was a great Work of God. But in this Myſtery of the Sacrament, we behold the ſame Death and Sacrifice, after an unbloudy manner, which is certainly the greater Miracle, and expreſſes more the divine Power.

The way to prepare people for the Papiſts, is to bring them into falſe liberty and looſneſs, and to debauchery, and into Sin and Evil, and then they are fit for their dark Spirit and Net, And whom they overcome they bring into Bondage, and then they make them believe (when the Guilt of Sin is upon them) that they can forgive them their Sins; and ſo they make a trade of the Bodies and Souls and Eſtates of men. And then they are bound to believe as they teach, when they have thus enſnared them, and are forbid to read the Scriptures. But ſuch as keep Integrity, and Sincerity, and fervency to the Lord, in the holy Spirit of God that gave forth the Scriptures, will not drink of that Whores Cup.

In this the Pope and his Prieſts have manifeſted their ignorance and error from the infallible Spirit that was in the Apoſtles, who ſaith, *Chriſt who died for Sin, dies no more, Death hath no more Dominion over him.* And Chriſt himſelf ſaith ſeveral times in the *Revelations, I am he that was dead and is alive again, and lives for evermore.* And the Apoſtle doth not make any Myſtery compa-

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rable or beyond Christ manifested in the Flesh, who saith, *Great was the Mystery of Godliness, which is, God manifested in the Flesh, justified in the Spirit, seen of Angels, preached unto the* Gentiles *believed on in the World, and received up into Glory*, 1 Tim. 3.

And now is it not Blasphemy for the Pope and his priests to say, That his false Word and Christ, which he makes of Bread and Wine, is a greater Mystery than the true Christ, manifested in the Flesh, and received up into Glory? And doth not he and his Tribe herein shew his and their dark fallible Spirit and them to be in the error, erred from the infallible Spirit of Christ that was in the Apostles.

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